

# BILL WOULD AID U.S. EMPLOYEES FIRED OFF JOBS

## Fairchild Presents Plan for Annuity Before Retirement Age.

Congressman Fairfield of Indiana introduced into the House today a bill designed to aid men and women released from the Government serv-

The measure provides that "over the age of fifty years of age or over to whom the retirement act applies who shall have served for a total period of not less than fifteen years and who, before reaching the retirement age shall become involuntarily separated from the service shall be granted an annuity certificate which will entitle said employee, upon reaching the retirement age, to a

"I have drawn this bill largely to aid those people who were released by the Naval reduction," said the Congressman, "Many of them have served thirty-five and forty years yet have not reached the retirement age."

This measure is a modification of a former bill introduced by Mr. Fainfield.

The other measure provided for

**RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC**

**WOMEN OPENS SUNDAY**  
With elaborate ceremonies, the Mount Carmel Retreat House for Women, 206 T street northwest, will open next Sunday afternoon. The house will be blessed at 4 o'clock by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, rector of Catholic University. James Gibbons Burke, nephew of the late Cardinals Gibbons, will be master of ceremonies.

Monignor C. F. Thomas, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, will celebrate the first mass in the new retreat house. Mass will be celebrated at 8 o'clock.

Monday morning at 9 o'clock to mark the opening of the first retreat, the exercises will continue until Thursday morning. The Rev. Pascius Hertz, of the Discalced Carmelites Fathers, will be retreat master.

Archbishop John Bonzano, apostolic delegate, will preach at 10 o'clock Monday afternoon. On Tuesday evening the Rev. Dr. Thomas Vernon Moore will deliver the conferences.

**VETERAN MAIL CARRIER  
GETS FAT TOTING LETTERS**

Carrying letters is the best exercise in the world, according to H. D. Dickson, who today rounds out his fortieth year of letter-carrying in the District.

Dickson, who will be sixty-four years old on June 21, has been de-

"I weighed 110 pounds when I began this job," said the veteran today, "and now look at me—a

Dickson lives at 2515 Seventeenth street. He has a wife and two children, and was born in Lansing—now Troy, N. Y. He will reach the Government retirement age next year and then probably will get a chance to rest his feet.

### COLORED MAN IS HELD FOR THEFT OF CLOTHING

Suspected of having robbed the home of Nelson Howe, 823 Twenty-sixth street, February 20, John Brooks, colored, eighteen years old, 2100 Half street, was arrested yesterday by Precinct Detectives Bar-

bee and Murphy, of the Third precinct. It is said that \$100 worth of clothing was stolen from the house. The clothing was recovered, Barbee said this morning that the negro admits having robbed Howe's home.

Police of the Fourth precinct are investigating four other housebreakings "jobs" in which they think Brooks was implicated.

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